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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, and herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from March 19, 2003, to April 19, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$128, which includes \$110 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 76 and amend claim 73 as follows:

73. (Thrice Amended) An in-process device, comprising:  
a substrate; and

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